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| In re Application of:         | ) |                              |
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| NARASIMHAN, Mukundan et al.   | ) | Group Art Unit: 2826         |
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| Application No.: 10/789,953   | ) | Examiner: MANDALA, Victor A. |
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2006, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 8.